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Amendments to the Specification:

1. Please replace paragraph [0031] on page 6 with the following amended paragraph:

“The secure attachment and easy detachment of the preferred embodiment of the accessory holder 50 will now be discussed with reference to FIGS. 4-8. Referring to FIGS. 4A-B, the accessory holder 50 is shown in a first stage of attachment to the vacuum 100. In FIG. 4A, the accessory holder 50 and the vacuum 100 are illustrated in a top view. In FIG. 4B, the accessory holder 50 and the vacuum 100 are illustrated in cross-section. For convenience, the accessory holder 50 in FIG. 4B is illustrated in an uneven cross-section [[A-A]] 1—1 shown in FIG. 3. The uneven cross-section [[A-A]] 1—1 permits a view of tab 54a and latch 60, which are not axially aligned on the holder 50.”

2. Please replace paragraph [0033] on page 7 with the following amended paragraph:

“In one embodiment of the present invention, the vacuum 100 includes a bracket 80 for the connection portion of the appliance. The bracket 80 is attached to an upper portion of the appliance 100 for positively coupling with the connection portion 53 at the upper end of the accessory holder 50. As best shown in FIG. 4A, the bracket 80 is attached to the back of the vacuum 100 adjacent the handle 114. For convenience, the bracket 80 in FIG. 4B is illustrated in an uneven cross-section [[B-B]] 2—2 shown in FIG. 5B. The uneven cross-section [[B-B]] 2—2 permits a view of components, which are not axially aligned on the bracket 80.”

3. Please add the following NEW paragraph, after paragraph [0052]:

“We claim:”